As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, five countries with the highest military expenditure in 2006 in market exchange rate terms were USA, UK, France, China and Japan. In purchasing power parity terms, the top five spenders were USA, China, India, Russia and UK.

As per SIPRI Year Book 2007, defence spending per capita of India in 2006 was $ 21 as against estimated per capita expenditure of $ 37 in respect of China.

The matter is presently within the purview of the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

Non-payment of compensation to farmers near Indo-Pak border

1681. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that compensation to the farmers has yet not been paid whose land has been used for defence purposes to built bunkers in different villages particularly in Tehsil R.S. Pura District of Jammu and Kashmir near Indo-Pak border; and

if so, the details of villages?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Rental payment is yet to be made for an area of 1 Kanal and 12 Marias of land in villages Tohana Tibba and Fateh Chak, Tehsil R.S. Pura, District Jammu used for defence purposes. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has been requested to issue requisition order for this land and payment of rental compensation for the same will be released after issue of requisition order by Deputy Commissioner, Jammu and completion of formal handing/taking over of land.

Exodus of pilots, engineers and staff from Air Force

1682. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that a large number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff are leaving the Air Force;

the number of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff" who have resigned from Air Force during the last five years; and

the efforts made by the Government to check their exodus?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) There is no large scale departure of pilots, flight engineers and ground staff from the Air Force.